



# MO'OLELO PĀKA

## Parks and Recreation Newsletter February 2022

### Kaka'ako Waterfront Park

Some of the newest additions to our inventory of 306 sites include four premier parks sitting on 41 acres in Kaka'ako. Kewalo Basin, Kaka'ako Gateway Mauka & Makai, and Kaka'ako Waterfront Park were accepted & renovated by the City beginning in November 2018. The Waterfront Park is by far the largest of those parks (at over 31 acres); boasting some stunning amenities, including: rolling hills, access to popular surf & dive spots, scenic promenades, pavilions, comfort stations, and a memorial to the Ehime Maru.

“We add quality to life!”



### Shore Water Survey Results

The results of the Shore Water Event Public Survey are now available online [on our main website!](#) Mahalo to the nearly 280 people who gave their time & energy to express their mana'o. We'll take your input and use it towards revised rules! More info soon...

### Wahiawā Gym Reopens

A [blessing organized by Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi](#) marked the reopening of the gymnasium at the George Fred Wright Wahiawā District Park. The park was closed for several years due to a \$3.24 million renovation project for extensive repairs.

### Senior Valentines Walk

Our first in-person, kūpuna event since the pandemic [had over a hundred seniors taking a lovely stroll](#) around Kaka'ako Waterfront Park for Valentines Day! Two of those members, Linn & Glenn, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Congrats to them!

### Art in Foster Botanical Garden

The [Hawai'i Triennial](#) [launched with three unique installations](#) at our historic urban garden. Featured through May 8 are pieces by Ai Weiwei, local artists of TOQA, and the pictured sculpture from Leroy New. Entry is free every Sunday in March to check out the exhibits!

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# Kākou for Parks Updates:

This unparalleled program continues to revitalize our aging and most popular facilities island-wide, resulting in 185 different parks improved. See more at [bit.ly/KakouforParks](https://bit.ly/KakouforParks)



Niu Valley Neighborhood Park



Nu'uaniu Valley Neighborhood Park



Cartwright Neighborhood Park

# 134

New & Refurbished Play Apparatus

# 142

Renovated Comfort Stations

# 542

Resurfaced Play Courts



Koko Head District Park

**Mahalo to our outstanding employee!**



## **Roman Richardson Jr.**

Commonly known as RJ around his community at Kalākaua District Park, Roman oversees and coaches at the park's boxing facility. Prior to the pandemic, he revived the boxing program and grew its popularity, with the gym and rink filled every night! During the pandemic, he worked even harder to improve the facility by adding new equipment and making sure everything would be in tip-top shape when we reopened to the public. He is always looking for ways to give back and improve his community, and is truly irreplaceable. Mahalo RJ!

## Pickleball Courts

### Popping Up All Over!

As part of our Kākou for Parks program we are giving our outdoor play courts new life and function as we re-purpose them to accommodate the fastest growing sport in the country! Currently we have added **163 courts at 87 parks**, even adding some dedicated courts at select parks. Check out the location of all of our pickleball courts by visiting:

[bit.ly/OahuPickleball](https://bit.ly/OahuPickleball)